Handing over the Kapurthala plot to Government of Kerala

2706. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in handing over the Kapurthala plot,, adjacent to the Travancore House, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, Delhi to the Government of Kerala; and

(b) by when it would be handed over as requested by the Kerala Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The area of the Kapurthala plot is under occupation of Delhi Security Police. This land will become available for handing over to the Government of Kerala after the Delhi Security Police have been provided alternative accommodation.

1989 को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बेघरों को घर प्रदान करने के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय वर्ष के रूप में मनाया जाना

2707. **श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि 1989 को बेघरों को घर प्रदान करने के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय वर्ष के रूप में मनाया जा रहा है; यदि हां, तो सरकार ने विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों को इस उद्देश्य के लिए कितना-कितना ऋण और कितना-कितना अनुदान प्रदान किया है और इस वर्ष 1989 तथा इसके पश्चात् कितने बेघर लोगों को बने बनाये मकान उपलब्ध करने की सम्भावना है; और

(ख) उक्त योजना में किस प्रकार के भवन, किस कीमत के तथा किन-किन शर्तों पर बेघरों को दिये जायेंगे ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) 1989 को "बेघरों का घर" प्रदान करने का अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय वर्ष के रूप में घोषणा करने के बारे में सरकार को कोई जानकारी नहीं है। तथापि, संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा ने वर्ष 1987 को बेघरों के लिए घर का अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय वर्ष के रूप में घोषित किया था।

Steps taken to give benefits to farmers

2708. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission keeps in mind the market rates of wheat in the lean season December to February;

(b) if so, what is the rationale in fixing the rate at Rs. 173|- per quintal as on 28th February, 1989 when the Price ranged between Rs. 295|- to Rs. 450|- per quintal thereby causing substantial loss to the farmers and considerable gain to the middleman; and

(c) whether any measure is contemplated by Government to give the farmers the benefit of the market prices if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The procurement price of wheat was fixed at Rs. 173/- per quintal for the 1988-89 marketing season on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices and after taking into account the views of the State Governments and the Central Ministries. While recommending the level of prices, the Commission takes into account a number of important factors including the trend of market price of the commodities prevailing during the entire year including the lean period, cost of production, changes in input prices, effect on cost of living, parity, between prices paid and price received, etc.

(c) The farmers are free to sell their produce in the open market at prices which may be higher than the prices fixed by the Government.